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Re: Notice of Intention to Amend Mining and Reclamation Plan - Rover Hill Pit
Development and Production, Barrick Resources (USA) Inc., Barrick Mercur Gold Mine,
M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Beatty:

We have completed our review of your recent permit application to amend the approved mining and reclamation plan for the Mercur Gold Mine, received December 5, 1995. The amendment outlines Barrick Resources plans for development of the Rover Hill pit. This amendment consists of 3.70 acres of surface disturbance for the Rover Hill pit, 2.54 acres for the Rover pit waste rock disposal, 4.61 acres of new haulage road, and 0.5 acres for expansion of existing topsoil stockpiles. The total disturbance will be 11.35 acres. The approved NOI contemplated approximately 12.7 acres of surface disturbance for development of the Rover Hill pit. This amendment does not involve an increase in disturbed acreage or any expansion outside of the approved permit boundary.

The mining and development techniques outlined in your November 30, 1995 amended plan are consistent with the approved NOI and the following changes are noted from the original notice.

- The Rover Dump Leach facility will be removed. All dump leach grade ore produced in the Rover Hill mining area will be hauled to the existing Valley Fill Leach Area 3 for processing. All ore produced will be hauled to the existing mill facility for processing.
- The original notice contemplated disturbing the Rover Flat Spring by haulage or mining of the Rover Hill pits. This will not occur as originally contemplated.



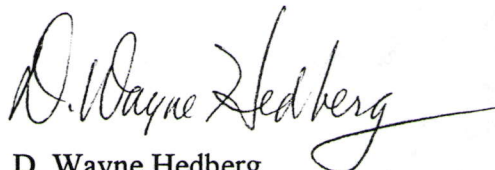
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The following important issues have been discussed and addressed.

- The Rover Hill pit will be about 90 percent backfilled with overburden from what will be called the Phoenix Hill pit. The Phoenix Hill pit will be permitted as an amendment/revision in 1996 because a portion of it will be outside the existing permit boundary. The Phoenix Hill pit was originally called one of two Rover Hill pits in the original application, so a portion of this new pit was contemplated in the original permit. The waste overburden from the Phoenix Hill pit when it is mined, will be dumped over the Rover pit highwall covering the benches and side hill cut, partially backfilling the pit.
- The area of the Rover Hill pit disturbance was contemplated in the original bond calculations and no revisions to that bond will be needed at this time.

The Division hereby approves of this permit amendment for the Rover Hill pit. We will incorporate this amendment into the original NOI and look forward to the receipt of your revised plans for the Phoenix Hill pit sometime after the new year. Please contact me or Tom Munson of the Minerals staff if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,



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